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IMPORT OF METAL SCRAP .
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bombay metal Exchange has requested for reconsidering ban on importing non-ferrous metals scrap;

(b) if so, whether Commerce Minister has examined the suggestions made by the Bombay Metal Exchange;

(c) if so, what extent Government has been able to consider suggestions;

(d) whether Finance Minister and the director General of Foreign Trade has settled the differences over the import policy on metallic scrap;

(e) if so, to what extent these differences have been settled;

(f) whether new proposal is being considered for import of metallic scrap in future; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) : A suggestion has been received from Bombay Metal Exchange for exempting import of non-ferrous waste and scrap from the present procedures laid down, in this regard.

(b) & (c) : The Directorate General of Foreign Trade has examined this suggestion. The import of all kinds of metallic scrap and waste are required to adhere to the present procedures in order to ensure that they do not contain any explosive or radio-active material. This procedure has been put in place after wide consultations with concerned Ministries/Departments. It has not been found feasible to accede to the request of Bombay Metal Exchange.

(d) & (e) : There is no difference of opinion between the Finance Ministry and the DGFT with regard to the import Policy on metallic scrap. In fact, the present procedures for import of metallic scrap and waste has been laid down in consultation with Finance and other Ministries.

(f) & (g) : Any future policy change will be made in public interest and keeping in view the Security considerations and the needs of the Trade and Industry.